

November 19, 2002

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST FOR TERM EXTENSION FOR THE UNIVERSAL CITY  
UNINCORPORATED AREA CABLE TV FRANCHISE GRANTED TO UNIVERSAL  
STUDIOS, INC., ORDINANCE NO. 84-0225F, AS AMENDED**

**(THIRD DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Approve the amendment to Ordinance No. 84-0225F, as amended, granting an extension of term for the Cable Television Franchise for the Universal City unincorporated area through December 31, 2003.
2. Introduce, waive reading and place on your Board's Agenda for adoption the attached ordinance which implements the above recommendations.
3. Find this franchise extension is categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Class 1, Section (e), of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, and Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

**PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Universal Studios currently provides cable service to 23 commercial subscribers in Universal Citywalk, an unincorporated area of Los Angeles County, by contract with Adelphia Communications ("Adelphia").

Adelphia has informed us that they are negotiating the purchase of this franchise. Universal Studios has requested that the County extend the term of the franchise to allow time for the transfer of the franchise to Adelphia, which has been operating the cable system since the franchise became active in 1993. The renewal then would be consolidated with other pending Adelphia franchise renewals.

**JUSTIFICATION:**

The extension of the current franchise term through December 31, 2003 will allow for uninterrupted cable service to subscribers while Universal Studios and Adelphia negotiate the franchise transfer. The County can then negotiate this renewal along with other upcoming Adelphia franchise renewals.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There will be no cost to the County. Section 622 (b) of the Cable Act of 1984 (47 U.S.C. '542 (b)), gives a local franchising authority, such as the County, the right to collect franchise fees of no more than five percent (5%) of total gross revenues collected by a cable television franchisee over a 12-month period. The extension of the cable television franchise will not affect the collection of the maximum allowable franchise fees.

**FINANCING:**

There will be no negative financial impact.

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:**

The Office of the County Counsel has reviewed the attached ordinance and approved it as to form.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):**

There will be no impact on current services. Through its contract with Adelphia, Universal Studios, Inc. will continue to provide cable television service to the commercial businesses located in the unincorporated Universal City area.

**NEGATIVE DECLARATION/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT:**

The extension of this cable television franchise is categorically exempt under CEQA pursuant to Class 1, Section (e) of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, and Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

**CONCLUSION:**

It is requested that the Executive Office-Clerk of the Board notify Mr. Laurence Windsor, Adelphia, 2939 Nebraska Avenue, Santa Monica, CA 90402, and Ms. Janice L. Miller, Universal Studios, Inc., 100 Universal City Plaza, Bldg. 5511-6, Universal City, CA 91608 of the Board's action in this matter. It is also requested that conformed copies be forwarded to County Counsel, the Department of Public Works, the Auditor-Controller, and the Department of Consumer Affairs, Cable Television Franchising Division.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Herrera, Jr.  
Director

PHJ:RS  
Attachment

c: Chief Administrative Officer  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors  
Auditor-Controller  
County Counsel  
Department of Public Works  
Internal Services Department

## ANALYSIS

This ordinance extends through December 31, 2003, a franchise to operate a cable television system or systems and to provide cable television service in the La Habra Heights unincorporated areas, granted by Ordinance No. 86-0113F, to Adelphia Communications Corporation.

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LDS:jn

11/7/02 (requested)

11/7/02 (revised)

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

An ordinance extending through December 31, 2003, a franchise to provide cable television service in the La Habra Heights unincorporated areas, granted to Adelphia Communications Corporation.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Section 1 of Ordinance No. 86-0113F is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Section 1.** Pursuant to Section 53066 of the Government Code of the State of California, the right, privilege, and franchise is granted to Adelphia Communications Corporation ("Franchisee"), through December 31, 2002~~3~~, to construct, reconstruct, maintain, and to operate a Cable Television System (hereinafter called "System") in the unincorporated Service Areas of the County of Los Angeles, described in Section 2 below, and to construct, reconstruct, maintain, operate, renew, repair, and remove in these Service Areas, radio and television signal transmission lines and cables and all appurtenances and/or service connections (hereinafter jointly referred to as "Facilities") which are necessary or convenient for the provision of a System. Said grant is subject to the faithful performance and observance by Franchisee of all the terms and conditions herein.

[Adelphia-La Habra HeightsLS]

## ANALYSIS

This ordinance extends through December 31, 2003, a franchise to operate a cable television system or systems and to provide cable television service in the Marina del Rey unincorporated areas, granted by Ordinance No. 83-0205F, as amended, to Adelphia Communications Corporation.

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11/7/02 (requested)

11/7/02 (revised)

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

An ordinance extending through December 31, 2003, a franchise to provide cable television service in the Marina del Rey unincorporated areas, granted to Adelphia Communications Corporation.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Section 2 of Ordinance No. 83-0205F, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**SECTION 2.** Pursuant to Section 53066 of the Government Code of the State of California, the County of Los Angeles grants to Adelphia Cable Communications ("Franchisee"), through December 31, 2002<sup>23</sup>, the right, privilege, and franchise to construct, reconstruct, maintain, and operate a Cable Television System (hereinafter called "System"); in the unincorporated Service Areas of the County of Los Angeles, described in Section 3 below, and to construct, reconstruct, maintain, operate, renew, repair, and remove in these Service Areas, radio and television signal transmission lines and cables and all appurtenances and/or service connections (hereinafter jointly referred to as "Facilities") which are necessary or convenient for the provision of a System. Said grant is subject to the faithful performance and observance by Franchisee of all the terms and conditions herein.

[Adelphia-Marina del ReyLS]

## ANALYSIS

This ordinance extends through December 31, 2003, a franchise to operate a cable television system or systems and to provide cable television service in the Walnut Park unincorporated area, granted by Ordinance No. 85-0148F, as amended, to Adelphia Communications Corporation.

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LDS:jn

11/7/02 (requested)

11/7/02 (revised)



**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

An ordinance extending through December 31, 2003, a franchise to provide cable television service in the Walnut Park unincorporated area, granted to Adelphia Communications Corporation.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Section 1 of Ordinance No. 85-0148F, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Section 1.** Pursuant to Section 53066 of the Government Code of the State of California, the right, privilege, and franchise is granted to Adelphia Communications Corporation ("Franchisee"), through December 31, 2002~~3~~, to construct, reconstruct, maintain, and to operate a Cable Television System (hereinafter called "System") in the unincorporated Service Area of the County of Los Angeles, described in Section 2 below, and to construct, reconstruct, maintain, operate, renew, repair, and remove in this Service Area radio and television signal transmission lines and cables and all appurtenances and/or service connections (hereinafter jointly referred to as "Facilities") which are necessary or convenient for the provision of a System. Said grant is subject to the faithful performance and observance by Franchisee of all the terms and conditions herein.

[Adelphia-Walnut ParkLS]